



SEVENTY - THIRD  
COMMENCEMENT

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The MSSU Bookstore in Billings Student Center will be open from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. for your convenience and a Spirit Store is available near the main entrance of Leggett & Platt Athletic Center.

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KGCS and the student broadcast group, the National Broadcasting Society, will produce DVD copies of today's ceremony. Order forms are available on the program tables located at the entrances.

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While every effort is made to ensure accuracy in this program, graduation filing deadlines, printing deadlines and degree audit adjustments can prevent inclusion of graduates' names or may result in publishing names of individuals not completing degree requirements. This program, therefore, should not be used to determine a student's official academic or degree status.





# SPECIAL *Recognition*

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## **COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS**

Mr. Jeff Taylor

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Dr. Scott Wells

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Ms. Mary Zustiak



## PROGRAM | 10:00 AM

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Processional: "Pomp and Circumstance" .....	Elgar Missouri Southern Wind Ensemble
National Anthem .....	Presentation of Colors Show-Me GOLD Color Guard
Welcome and Introductions .....	Dr. Alan Marble President, Missouri Southern State University
Commencement Speaker .....	Jeff Taylor Chief Operating Officer, Menorah Medical Center Missouri Southern State University, Class of 2006
Presentation of Class .....	Dr. Paula Carson Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs, Missouri Southern State University
Conferring of Graduate Degrees .....	Dr. Alan Marble
Master's Hooding .....	Dr. Jeffrey Zimmerman Dean, Robert W. Plaster School of Business, Missouri Southern State University  Ms. Lorinda Hackett Interim Dean, School of Education, Missouri Southern State University  Dr. Marsi Archer Dean, School of Arts & Sciences, Missouri Southern State University  Dr. Christopher Bradley Chair, Department of Criminal Justice, Social Work and Sociology, Southeast Missouri State University

## PRESENTATION OF BACCALAUREATE AND ASSOCIATE DEGREES

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Conferring of Bachelor and Associate Degrees .....	Dr. Alan Marble
Presentation of Diplomas .....	Board of Governors
Introduction of Degree Candidates .....	Mr. Mike Olmstead University Relations and Marketing, Missouri Southern State University
Announcement of Academic Honors .....	Dr. Paula Carson
MSSU Alma Mater (See page 17) .....	Miranda Duncan BA - Music, Neosho
Recessional "Alleluia! Laudamus Te" .....	Alfred Reed Missouri Southern Wind Ensemble

***Please remain standing until recessional is completed. Please turn off all cell phones.***



# KEYNOTE SPEAKER: JEFF TAYLOR

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It's a career Jeff Taylor says he "stumbled into" in the offseason of his two years playing minor league baseball, but one that has proven to be a home run.

Taylor, who graduated from Missouri Southern in 2006 as an honors student with a degree in business administration-management, was offered an administrative position in a hospital. He quickly realized it was a role that combined two of the things he was most passionate about.

"I've always wanted to give back and help society," he says. "Once I realized I could have a business degree and work in healthcare, I never thought about doing anything else.

He went on to earn his master of science in health administration from the University of Missouri-Columbia. He served as administrator for Mid-America Surgery Institute, and later as chief operating officer for Belton Regional Medical Center.

In 2016, he was appointed as chief operating officer of Menorah Medical Center, a full-service, acute-care hospital in ER serving the communities of Overland Park and Leawood, Kan. The hospital has more than 600 physicians and 800 staff members, and focuses on some of the Kansas City area's most advanced treatment options.

He also serves as a member of the advisory board for MSSU's new Gipson Center for Healthcare Leadership.

"I think the program will open a lot of doors for people," he said. "As a provider of health care, we're always looking for talented leaders and (MSSU) is creating the next generation for Southwest Missouri and the region."

Being invited back to speak during commencement at his alma mater is an honor, Taylor said.

"For me, being from Joplin, Missouri Southern always felt like an extended family," he said. "I had known (former MSSU baseball coach) Warren Turner since I was a boy, and (former basketball coach) Robert Corn and others ... all those people felt like family to me. As a young kid trying to figure out his way in the world, having that support structure was great for me."

A pitcher and first baseman for the Lions for three seasons, he was a two-time MIAA Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll selection and was drafted by the Washington Nationals in 2005. He played two seasons for the team before shoulder surgery brought an end to his pitching days.

It's a sport that provided the foundation for a lot of memories and life lessons during his time at Missouri Southern.

"Warren Turner was an excellent baseball coach and really loved the game, but he was an even better molder and leader of men," Taylor said. "He could take a bunch of ages 19, 20, 21 years old and instill in them life lessons about brotherhood, service and giving back to your community.

"He taught us more about becoming successful adults and human beings than baseball."



# GRADUATE PROGRAMS

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## MASTER OF ACCOUNTANCY

Boos, Jonathan Wayne; Peculiar; Accounting  
Fonseca, Eric; Baxter Springs, KS; Accounting

Hiserote, Bradley J.; Saint Joseph; Accounting  
Rogers, Kaitlyn Aleece; Carl Junction; Accounting

## MASTER OF SCIENCE-EDUCATION

Alverson, Gayle Ann; Neosho; Curriculum and Instruction  
Fenske, Jason P.; Carl Junction; Curriculum and Instruction  
Fish, Jena Ann; Platte City; K-12 English Language Learner  
Hinkle, Bailey Nicole; Pleasant Hope; K-12 English Language Learner  
Mehrens, Brian Scott; Joplin; Curriculum and Instruction

Robinson, Justin M.; Joplin; Curriculum and Instruction  
Shurley, Autumn Leigh; Joplin; Curriculum and Instruction  
Wagner, Kirsten Lynn; Carthage; K-12 English Language Learner  
Williams, Taylor Jo; Joplin; Curriculum and Instruction

## MASTER OF SCIENCE-MANAGEMENT

Bass, Sarah Nicole; Webb City; Human Resource Management  
Management  
Bullette, Linda René; Pittsburg, KS; General Management  
Crane, Patricia M.; Neosho; Human Resource Management  
Curl, Joyce L.; Webb City; Human Resource Management  
DeCarlo, Ronni Denise; Neosho; Human Resource Management  
Elliott, Stephanie Joy; Carthage; Human Resource Management  
Harrison, Robin S.; Carthage; Human Resource Management

Hawkins, Kristen Marie; Carl Junction; Human Resource  
Hicks, Nathaniel Alexander; Joplin; General Management  
Holofrith, Oleksandr; Ukraine, General Management  
Noller, Sherry L.; Webb City; Human Resource Management  
Platt, Edwin Bennett, Carl Junction; General Management  
Riggs, Shelby S.; Joplin; General Management  
Stiles, Laura Renee; Webb City; Human Resource Management  
Wang, Peidi; China; General Management

## COOPERATIVE GRADUATE PROGRAMS

MISSOURI SOUTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY/SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY

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## MASTER OF SCIENCE

Patton, Jennifer R.; Joplin; Criminal Justice  
Waddell, Lauren Marie; Springfield; Criminal Justice

Woody, Rebecca Ann; Webb City; Criminal Justice



# CANDIDATES FOR HONORS & DEGREES

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## BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

### SUMMA CUM LAUDE | GRADE POINT AVERAGE 3.90 OR ABOVE

Alyssa Brown ‡	Kendal Hale	Charity Oakes	Joash Victor
Lauren Brown ‡	Sonja Mark	Kathryn Paine	Ashlea Zumwalt ‡
Michelle Crosby †	Andrea McGinnis	Brittany Rice	
Amber Cure ‡	David Meinershagen	Kinzie Spencer ‡	
Taurean Guzman ‡	Edward Morgan	Cameron Tournear ‡	

### MAGNA CUM LAUDE | GRADE POINT AVERAGE 3.80-3.89

Folaranmi Adeyeri	Whitney Blodgett	Matthew Harris	Valeroso Royale
Fadel Alnasser	Lexa Curtis	Willow Hine	Jaime Shrum
Brittney Anderson	Rachel Graves	Joseph Kinder	Chantae Walters

### CUM LAUDE | GRADE POINT AVERAGE 3.70-3.79

Hussain Alnasser	Felicia Foster	Travis Scheerer	James Tupper
Sydney Buffington	Hannah Henson	Teryn Scott	Riley Ulery
Logan Deems	Mariah Irvin	Olivia Smith	Desire Walls
Elliott Evans	Sabrina Madewell	Tawnee Tabor	Joshua Walter
Haylee Fields	Rebecca Morin	Eliza Tidball	Jonathan Weaver

## ASSOCIATE DEGREES

### FIRST HONORS | GRADE POINT AVERAGE 3.90 OR ABOVE

Katjana Gries

### SECOND HONORS | GRADE POINT AVERAGE 3.80-3.89

Folaranmi Adeyeri

### THIRD HONORS | GRADE POINT AVERAGE 3.70-3.79

Elliott Evans	Brady Hopkins	Andre Martins
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*Latin Honors are earned by completing all hours of the junior and senior years in residence at Missouri Southern State University, with a minimum of those hours equaling 60 or more. In addition, the cumulative GPA must be a minimum of 3.70.*



# SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCES

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## BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE

Clifton, Melissa Taylor; Bella Vista, AR; Environmental Health  
and Safety

## BACHELOR OF ARTS

Aguirre, Aracely †; Grove, OK; Spanish

Brown, Alyssa Marie ‡; Joplin; English-Professional/Technical Writing

Brown, Lauren Elizabeth ‡; Joplin; English-Professional/  
Technical Writing

Byrne, Natali Ann; Kansas City; History

Cruz, Claudia; Cassville; Spanish

Curtis, Lexa J.; Lamar; Spanish

Duncan, Miranda Erin; Neosho; Music

Garcia, Nayeli; Rogers, AR, International Studies

Irvin, Mariah Page; Cartersville; English-Professional/Technical Writing

Lazure, Annie Marie; Neosho; Spanish

Moua, Amy Chee; Granby; English-Literary Studies

Myles, Darius Cameron; Tulsa, OK; Political Science

Randol, Brian Ray; Grove, OK, Music Industry

Randolph, Abigail Lynn; Joplin; Communication-Mass

Walls, Desirè Dawn; Neosho; English-Literary Studies

Watkins, Haley N.; Riverton, KS; English-Literary Studies

## BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Alvarez, Marilyn Itzel; Rogers, AR; Fine Arts-Graphic Design

Harris, Matthew A.; Baxter Springs, KS; Fine Arts-Graphic Design

Rea, Carla A.; Lamar; Fine Arts-Studio

Yust, Hampton L.; Seneca; Fine Arts-Graphic Design

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Aguirre, Aracely †; Grove, OK; Biology

Allen, Sadie Anne; Columbia; Chemistry

Anderson, Colt Ivan; Springfield; Environmental Health and Safety

Anderson, Lucas Antony; Joplin; Environmental Health and Safety

Ballard, Cindel Fay; Joplin; Biology

Basye, Alec J.; Webb City; Criminal Justice Administration

Beasley, Sydney Lane; Webb City; Chemistry

Blodgett, Whitney Amber; Joplin; Biology

Bolte, Ethan Kyle †; Joplin; Chemistry

Boulanger, Hank McKinley; Towanda, KS; Communication-Mass

Brock, Ashlea Mae; Neosho; Sociology

Burbridge, Riley U.; Cassville; Biology

Burns, Carol U.; Wichita Falls, TX; Criminal Justice Administration

Carpenter, Elizabeth A.; Charlotte, NC; Criminal Justice Administration

Crain, Marilyn Jane; Columbus, KS, Biology

Crisp, Jacob Nathanael; Bismarck, ND; Environmental Health  
and Safety

Cruzan, Matthew Andrew; Joplin; Physics-Engineering

De La Torre, Maria Guadalupe; Noel; Biology

Dennis, Michelle Sonya; Jamaica; Biology

Egelston, Vira V.; Ukraine; Biology

Ejizu, Kaodilichukwu John; Carson, CA; Communication-Mass

Ewing, Blake Alan; Carl Junction; Communication-Mass

Fisher, Jennifer; Goodman; Criminal Justice Administration

Foote, Carrie Elisabeth; Neosho; Biology

Foster, Felicia Denise; Joplin; Communication-Mass

Garza Maldonado de Najarro, Marlin C.; Guatemala; Biology

Hang, Chue; Neosho; Biology

Hartwell, Rylee Jordan; Joplin; Sociology

Hayden, Allyssa Nicole; Olney, TX; Criminal Justice Administration

‡ 4.00 Average

† Honors Program Graduate

\* May or July Graduate



Henzlik, Taylor Renee; Montrose; Criminal Justice Administration  
 Hickman, Carter Lee; Neosho; Communication-Public Relations  
 Hill, Khye Jared; Carthage; Biology  
 Johnson, Christopher Gil; Neosho; Biology  
 Jones, Denton Lee; Joplin; Communication-Mass  
 Jones, Elijah W. †; Anderson; Criminal Justice Administration  
 Kamumo, Thomas Nyota; Miami, OK; Biology  
 Kehn, Tessa Marie; Branson; Criminal Justice Administration  
 Khader, Jalal Amjad; Grapevine, TX; Criminal Justice Administration  
 King, Jacob Alexander; Branson; Biology  
 Lee, Trista Koren; Galena, KS; Mathematics  
 Lenz, Daniel Alan; Elgin, IL; Criminal Justice Administration  
 Lindsey, David Lucien; Joplin; Geography  
 Long, Debra Leanna May; Diamond; Criminal Justice Administration  
 Lundstrum, Sarah Allison; Joplin; Biology  
 Mai, Maverick Carter; Joplin; Biology  
 Marshall, Heather Lyn; Seneca; Criminal Justice Administration  
 Martin, Sarah Kathryn; Neosho; Biology  
 Mavis, Dakota Walker; Joplin; Biology  
 Meredith, Kiliagh Renae; Farmington; Biology, Environmental Health  
 and Safety  
 Morgan, Gilbert; San Diego, CA; Environmental Health and Safety  
 Paige, Raven Alexandra; Webb City; Biology  
 Paine, Kathryn Ruth; Bartlett, TN; Biology  
 Palet, Brittney Nicole; Erie, KS; Environmental Health and Safety  
 Patel, Sheel A.; Nevada; Biology  
 Phillips, Donald Scott; Doniphan; Criminal Justice Administration  
 Putney, Tyler Robert; Raymore; Biology

Rhymer, Jacob W.; Joplin; Environmental Health and Safety  
 Roberts, Dustin Shawn; Philpot, KY; Environmental Health and Safety  
 Ryan, Caitlyn Ann; Joplin; Political Science  
 Sachetta, Luke Alexander; Joplin; Communication-Mass  
 Sams, Peter Mackenzie; Garfield, AR; Biology  
 Seward, Nathan Dean; Joplin; Biology  
 Shinn, Samantha G.; Springfield; Biology  
 Smith, Bailey Elizabeth; Webb City; Biology  
 Smith, Jonas Edward; Carthage; Computational Math/CIS-Math  
 Strobe, Bethany Elaine; Deepwater; Criminal Justice Administration  
 Sturgis, Timothy Fay; Paola, KS; Environmental Health and Safety  
 Tart, Amos Hampton; Franklinton, NC; Criminal Justice Administration  
 Turner, Mikaylin Jonelle; Lexington; Criminal Justice Administration  
 Ussery, Joyce Ellen; Joplin; Criminal Justice Administration  
 Varner, Amanda Elizabeth; Gravette, AR; History  
 Victor, Joash S.; British Virgin Islands; Biology  
 Way, Brian Daniel; Buffalo; Criminal Justice Administration  
 White, Janzen Garrett; Joplin; Environmental Health and Safety  
 Wicker, Veronica Elaine; Noel; Biology  
 Williams, Stephanie Elizabeth; Joplin; Biology  
 Yang, Mianqing; China; Physics-Engineering  
 Yetter, Jamie Kay; Carthage; Criminal Justice Administration  
 Young, Trevor Michael; Neosho; Biology  
 Yun, Jiyoung; Republic of Korea; Biochemistry  
 Zamanzadeh, Cina; Joplin; Environmental Health and Safety  
 Zumwalt, Ashlea Rose ‡; Joplin, Communication-Mass,  
 Communication-Public Relations

## ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Abdo, Ahmed; Yemen; Law Enforcement  
 Burns, Carol Jean; Wichita Falls, TX; Law Enforcement  
 Cano, Martin Alonzo; Grand Prairie, TX; Law Enforcement  
 Carpenter, Elizabeth Irene; Charlotte, NC; Law Enforcement  
 Davis, Ethan Jonathan Carter; Springdale, AR; Law Enforcement  
 Davis, Robin Marie Magee; Springdale, AR; Law Enforcement  
 Elliott, Alyssa Grace; Houston; Law Enforcement  
 Ford, Baylea Nicole; Washburn; Law Enforcement  
 Hayden, Allyssa Nicole; Olney, TX; Law Enforcement  
 Henzlik, Taylor Renee; Montrose; Law Enforcement  
 Hopkins, Brady A.; Seneca; Law Enforcement  
 Jones, Elijah W. †; Anderson; Law Enforcement  
 Kehn, Tessa Marie; Branson; Law Enforcement  
 Khader, Jalal Amjad; Grapevine, TX; Law Enforcement

Lenz, Daniel Alan; Elgin, IL; Law Enforcement  
 Loving, Dalton Kaywood; Owasso, OK; Law Enforcement  
 Marshall, Heather Lyn; Seneca; Law Enforcement  
 Phillips, Donald Scott; Doniphan; Law Enforcement  
 Ramos, Tasha Lee; Clarksville, TN; Law Enforcement  
 Rekec, Muharem; Saint Louis; Law Enforcement  
 Strobe, Bethany Elaine; Deepwater; Law Enforcement  
 Tart, Amos Hampton; Franklinton, NC; Law Enforcement  
 Turner, Mikaylin Jonelle; Lexington; Law Enforcement  
 Ussery, Joyce Ellen; Joplin; Law Enforcement  
 Way, Brian Daniel; Buffalo; Law Enforcement  
 White, Stephanie Nicole; Joplin; Law Enforcement  
 Wimp, Aimee Ranae; Oswego, KS; Law Enforcement



# SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES

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## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Adams, Tobey Marie; Joplin; Nursing	Ikerd, Karin Renee; Joplin; Health Science- Respiratory Therapy
Alanezi, Mohammed Zeed; Saudi Arabia; Health Science- Paramedic	Janicki, Jamie Shakara; Carthage; Nursing
Albrecht, Patricia Diane; Green City; Health Science- Business Life	Johnson, Nancy Marie; Pittsburg, KS; Health Science - Respiratory Therapy
Aldihnayn, Mohammed Ibrahim A.; Webb City; Health Science - Dental Hygiene	Kelley, Erin Renee; Saint Louis; Nursing
Alharbi, Abdulaziz Saleh; Saudi Arabia; Health Science- Paramedic	Klepadlo, Jaclyn; Mays Landing, NJ; Health Science- Dental Hygiene
Almutairi, Awad Mohammed; Saudi Arabia; Health Science - Business Life	Koger, Alyssa Nicole; Riverton, IL; Nursing
Alotaibi, Saad M.; Webb City; Health Science - Business Life	Lea, Rachel Anne; Monett; Nursing
Arizaga, Socorro; Carthage; Nursing	Lewis, Shelby Lauren; Neosho; Health Science - Business Life
Austin, Joseph Allen; Webb City; Nursing	Luchsinger, Aerial Elizabeth; Marshfield; Health Science - Radiologic Technology
Blankenship, Kenzie Dawn; Galena, KS; Health Science - Business Life	May, Brealynn Michelle; Joplin; Nursing
Bozich, Michelle Dawn; Bentonville, AR; Health Science - Respiratory Therapy	Meier, Madeline Renee; Boss; Health Science- Business Life
Burtrum, Sarah Leigh; Webb City; Nursing	Merritt, Jesse Ryan; Joplin; Health Science- Paramedic
Chapman, Kelsey Renae; Ozark; Health Science - Respiratory Therapy	Mesey, Austin Joseph; Aurora; Health Science- Paramedic
Cloyd, Katherine Carter; Joplin; Nursing	Miller, Robert J.; Pierce City; Nursing
Combs, Kelsey Renea; Willow Springs; Nursing	Moots, Alyssa Dawn; Galena, KS; Nursing
Cruz, Claudia; Cassville; Nursing	Morgan, Tyesha M.; Carthage; Health Science - Business Life
Davis, Kimberly Marie; Lebanon; Nursing	Noll, Jodie K.; O Fallon; Health Science - Respiratory Therapy
Devkota, Sanju; Nepal; Nursing	Osborne, Hanna Elise; Cedar Hill; Nursing
Dial, Aubrie Michelle; Ava; Nursing	Paul, Pollyanna Belle; Joplin; Nursing
Donovan, Ashlee Elizabeth; Germantown, MD; Nursing	Peine, Emilee Rachel; Lamar; Health Science - Paramedic
Eikenbary, Ashley Denise; Kansas City, KS; Health Science - Business Life	Pendergraft, Abigail M.; Walker; Health Science - Business Life
Endicott, Aubrey Nicole; Joplin; Nursing	Perez, Elizabeth Maxine; Joplin ;Nursing
England, Taylor Renee; Joplin; Health Science- Business Life	Perkins, Cara Elizabeth; Carl Junction; Nursing
Foote, Tabitha Marie; Butler; Nursing	Reed, McKinna Marie; Claremore, OK; Health Science- Paramedic
Foster, Hannah Claire; Lee's Summit; Health Science- Business Life	Roberson, Keann Calmay; Covington, GA; Nursing
Fry, Sydney Lynn Rachelle; Grain Valley; Health Science - Business Life	Scott, Teryn Danielle; Kansas City; Nursing
Gerth, Brian R.; Saint Louis; Health Science- Paramedic	Sheley, Sara Nichole; Springfield; Health Science - Radiologic Technology
Godsey, Andrew Brandon; Pittsburg, KS; Health Science- Paramedic	Shelton, Jeffrey Robert; Saint Louis; Health Science- Paramedic
Hansen, Megan Kylee; Webb City; Nursing	Sweeney, Danielle Kathleen; Jasper; Nursing
Hardy, David Jake; Joplin; Nursing	Thompson, Karodyn DyLanie; Baxter Springs, KS; Health Science-Paramedic
Harrison, Whitney Elaine; Parker, TX; Nursing	Tupper, James Douglas; Joplin; Health Science- Paramedic
Hernandez, Derik; Noel; Nursing	Vandergrift, Shealynn M.; Mount Vernon; Health Science - Business Life
Horrell, Amanda Leigh; Webb City; Nursing	Wilson, Haily Rayann; Webb City; Nursing
Humphrey, Hailey Marie; Baxter Springs, KS; Health Science - Business Life	Winkleman, Adrianna Michelle; Webb City; Health Science - Respiratory Therapy

‡ 4.00 Average

† Honors Program Graduate

\* May or July Graduate



# ROBERT W. PLASTER SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

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## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Adeyeri, Folaranmi D.; Nigeria; CIS-Information Technology

Almansaf, Aqeel Abdullah H.; Saudi Arabia; Industrial Engineering Technology

Ambrosius, Zane Anthony-Warren; Carthage; CIS-Information Technology

Arguello, Silvio Alejandro; Joplin; Industrial Engineering Technology

Armer, Alex W.; Pineville; Logistics

Blackburn, Daniel C.; Carl Junction; Industrial Engineering Technology

Bolte, Ethan Kyle †; Joplin; Logistics

Cantrell, Conner Mac; Joplin; Industrial Engineering Technology

Eldred, Ailan Roan; Joplin; CIS-Information Technology

Evans, Elliott Gwane; Denton TX; Industrial Engineering Technology

Fichtner, Lynsey R.; Joplin; Logistics

Gibson, Christopher Martin; Joplin; Logistics

Gibson, Johnathan Chace; Joplin; CIS-Information Technology

Gray, Tabitha Beverly; Joplin; Industrial Engineering Technology

Kent, Joshua Alan; Reeds Spring; Industrial Engineering Technology

Magallanes, Christian Andres; Webb City; CIS-Information Systems

Rho, Joseph Jean Whistler; Haiti; CIS-Information Technology

Rice, David Gregory Thomas; Joplin; Industrial Engineering Technology

Rodriguez, Frank Javier; Joplin; Industrial Engineering Technology

Rueda, Luis Enrique; Monett; Logistics

Sharp, Brock Tyler; Joplin; CIS-Information Technology

Smith, Annie Louise Chen; Joplin; Industrial Engineering Technology

Smith, Jonas Edward; Carthage; CIS-Math/Computational Math

Stahl, Aiden Alexander; Joplin; CIS-Information Technology

Tasfay, Jamal M.; Bronx, NY; CIS-Information Technology

Templeton, Matthew Charles; Carthage; CIS-Information Technology

Tidball, Eliza Grace; Jasper; Logistics

Trahan, Cole T.; Pineville; Logistics

Upchurch, Bonnie Anna; Monett; Logistics

Vest, Megan Roxanne; Webb City; CIS-Information Technology

Walker, Jonathan Thomas; Joplin; CIS-Information Technology

Weideman, David James; Duenweg; Industrial Engineering Technology

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Alaffari, Omar S.; Saudi Arabia; Finance

Albright, Shae Marie; Joplin; Management, Human Resource Management

Alnasser, Fadel Abdullah; Saudi Arabia; Management, Human Resource Management

Alnasser, Hussain Abdullah; Saudi Arabia; Management, Human Resource Management

Amey, Leah Rose; Loma Linda; Accounting

Anderson, Brittney Marie; Pittsburg, KS; Accounting

Aust, Brady Houston; Purdy; General Business

Badovinac, Jacob Edward; Saint Charles, IL; Marketing

Baldwin, Chloe Anne; Lamar; Accounting

Barros, Christian; Brazil; Accounting

Beard, McKalee Dawn; Joplin; Accounting

Beery, Sabryn K.; Bella Vista, AR; Human Resource Management

Belcher, Benjamin Graham; Carl Junction; Accounting

Bemo, Asia Tel; Carl Junction; Economics

Black, Victoria Alexandra; Green Bay, WI; Accounting

Brennecke, Bridgett Emily; Raymore; Accounting

Bresee, Marissa Alexandra; Rogersville; Management,

Human Resource Management

Brody, Chase M.; Gravette, AR; General Business

Brooks, Taylor G.; Baxter Springs, KS; Accounting

Buchanan, Abigail Nicole; Carthage; Management, Human Resource Management

Caudill, Braxton James; Bella Vista, AR; General Business

Christians, Kristopher Dale; Bentonville, AR; Finance

Coffer, Justin Lee; Diamond; Marketing

Coillot, Breanna Colette; Joplin; Management

Cortes, Maribel Concepcion; Springdale, AR; General Business

Craig, Colton Brice; Webb City; Management, Marketing, Human Resource Management

Crosby, Michelle L. †; Carl Junction; Accounting

Cruse, Alfida Lauren; Saint Louis; Finance

Cure, Amber Cheyenne ‡; Joplin; Management, Human Resource Management

Curran, Joshua; Webb City; Management, Human Resource Management

Davis, Tadd J.; Oronogo; Management, Human Resource Management

‡ 4.00 Average

† Honors Program Graduate

\* May or July Graduate



Denney, Chylea Nichole; Neosho; Management, Human Resource Management

Deveraux, Garrett Michael; Marysville, CA; Accounting

England, Taylor Renee; Joplin; Accounting

Esch, Elizabeth Lauren; Carthage; Marketing

Farahzad, Kayhon Tony; Lebanon; Accounting

Ford, Hayden Michael; Oronogo; Marketing, Management

Fortuna, Easton William, Parkville, Finance

Foster, Jordan Scott; Mount Vernon, Accounting

Freer, William Paul; Joplin; Management

Garritson, Austin Tyler; Joplin; Marketing, Management, Human Resource Management

Graddy, Zackary S.; Joplin; Finance

Gray-Buckley, Deja; Saint Louis; Management, Human Resource Management

Hale, Kendal Loren; Columbus, KS; Accounting, Finance

Hallam, Samuel John; Springfield; Marketing

Hamouda, Ahmad Osama; Saudi Arabia; Finance

Hampton, Amanda G.; Webb City; Management

Harris, Julia Alexandria; Joplin; Management, Human Resource Management

Henson, Hannah Nicole; Exeter; Marketing

Hine, Willow Dawn; Sarcoxie, Accounting

Hoagland, Benjamin W.; Joplin; Management, Human Resource Management

James, Nicklaus David; Joplin; Marketing

James, Nicolas Geoffrey; Monett; General Business

Johnson, Ashley Michelle; Joplin; Management

Johnson, Quiauna Ree Trenbeth; Webb City; Management

Jones, Camish Ranel; Castle Rock, CO; Human Resource Management

Kelly, Marcus Nathaniel Eugene; Commerce, OK; Management

Lee, Chelsea Nicole; Valdosta, GA; Management

Leighton, Jonathan Michael; Victoria, MN; Marketing

Lopez, Sarah Beth; Pittsburg, KS; Accounting

Maher, Andrea Laurel; Danville, AR; Accounting

Mark, Sonja Ann; Coffeyville, KS; Accounting

Marshall, Tanner Charles; Purdy; Finance

McGarrah, Kelsie Lynn; Fairland, OK; Marketing, Management, Human Resource Management

Moore, Paul Keith; Carthage; Marketing

Morgan, Edward Leon; Nevada; Management

Myers, Christopher Luke; Joplin; Human Resource Management

Parker, Shelby Raye; Harrison, AR, Human Resource Management

Randle, Reno Nedwin; Galena; Marketing, Management

Redman, Katrina Diane; Carl Junction; Accounting

Rempel, Ryanna Rachel; Chillicothe; Accounting

Rickett, Rhianna Meghan; Lamar; Human Resource Management

Riker, Kaleigh Ann; Joplin; Management, Human Resource Management

Robertson, Samuel Lee; Joplin; General Business

Rodriguez, Verence; Monett; Management, Human Resource Management

Royale, Valeroso De Cristo; Eugene, OR; Accounting

Russell, Carrie Ann; Neosho; Human Resource Management

Smith, Aaron Michael; Mundelein, IL; Accounting

Smith, Aaron P.; Diamond; Finance

Smith, Chaun Lamont; Saint Louis; General Business

Stoller, Jamie McGee; Joplin; Human Resource Management

Stotts, Tiffany; Branson; Management, Human Resource Management

Strait, Reanna Marie; Joplin; Accounting

Swant, Meagan Rae; Fayetteville, AR; Accounting

Todd, Andrew O'Brien; Bentonville, AR; Management

Tuggle, Nicholas Allen; Carthage; Human Resource Management

Ulery, Riley JD; Asbury; Management

Vernon, Thomas Alexander; Neosho; Marketing

Vogt, Cody Thomas; Carl Junction; Management

Wald, Anna Marie; Anderson; Human Resource Management

Walter, Joshua David; Hilliard, OH; International Business

Ward, Roth Wallis; Centerton, AR; Management, Human Resource Management

Wasson, Stephanie Nicole; Seneca; Accounting

Weaver, Jonathan Charles; Neosho; Finance

Wells, Andrew; Beaumont, TX; Management

Wenzel, Whitney Dawn; Exeter; General Business

West, Bridgette Marie; Saint Louis; Management, Human Resource Management

Whipkey, Phillip Steven; Neosho; Management

White, Allison N.; Joplin; Management, Human Resource Management

Williams, Beverly Jean; Springdale, AR; Accounting

Williams, DeShaun O'Neal; Odenville, AL; Management

Wright, Melynda Rae; Harker Heights, TX; Accounting

Xayadeth-Moore, Evelyn M.; Springdale, AR; Accounting

Yang, Lasia Phillip; Washburn; Management

Yang, Sura; Washburn; General Business



## ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Adeyeri, Folaranmi D.; Nigeria; CIS-Info Systems

Ambrosius, Zane Anthony-Warren; Carthage; CIS-Info Systems

Arguello, Silvio Alejandro; Joplin; Manufacturing Engineering

Technology

Barcelos, Gabriel Diniz; Brazil; Manufacturing Engineering Technology

Briscoe, Brittany; Carl Junction; Manufacturing Engineering Technology

Cantrell, Conner Mac; Joplin; Manufacturing Engineering Technology

Denney, Jeremy Ryan; Neosho; Manufacturing Engineering

Technology

Evans, Elliott Gwane; Denton, TX; Manufacturing Engineering

Technology

Gibson, Johnathan Chace; Joplin; CIS-Info Systems

Gries, Katjana Irma; Germantown, TN; Manufacturing Engineering

Technology

Guerrero, Trinidad Aguilera; Joplin, CIS-Info Systems

Harrison, Steven Scott; Joplin; Manufacturing Engineering Technology

Jarrett, Thomas M.; Neosho; Manufacturing Engineering Technology

Lancaster, Tina Marie; Quapaw; Manufacturing Engineering Technology

Magallanes, Christian Andres; Webb City; CIS- Information Systems

Martins, Andre Felipe Lima; Brazil; Manufacturing Engineering

Technology

Michael, Eric G.; Pittsburg, KS; CIS-Info Systems

Muhammed, Issa Ibraheem; Webb City; Manufacturing Engineering  
Technology

Rho, Joseph Jean Whistler; Haiti; CIS-Information Systems

Rice, David Gregory Thomas; Joplin; Manufacturing Engineering  
Technology

Sharp, Brock Tyler; Joplin; CIS-Info Systems

Smith, Annie Louise Chen; Joplin; Manufacturing Engineering  
Technology

Stahl, Aiden Alexander; Joplin; CIS-Info Systems

Tasfay, Jamal M.; Bronx, NY; CIS-Info Systems

Templeton, Matthew Charles; Carthage; CIS-Info Systems

Vang, See; Stark City; CIS-Info Systems

Vest, Megan Roxanne; Webb City; CIS-Info Systems

Walker, Jonathan Thomas; Joplin; CIS-Info Systems

Watkins, Brendan Simri; Olathe, KS; Manufacturing Engineering  
Technology

Weideman, David James; Duenweg; Manufacturing Engineering  
Technology

Wilson, Natalie Brook; Diamond; Manufacturing Engineering  
Technology

## SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

### BACHELOR OF ARTS

Fields, Haylee Nicole; Miami, OK; Psychology

Walters, Chantae Natifa; British Virgin Islands; Psychology

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Adams, Brenda Leigh; Galena, KS; Psychology

Alhoms, Aishah M.; Cliffside Park, NJ; Psychology

Bottom, Emily Lynn; Webb City; Psychology

Cantrell, Marlena Elizabeth; Galena, KS; Health Promotion  
and Wellness

Chandler, Colin J.; Nixa; Health Promotion and Wellness

Clyde, Jason Tylor; Joplin; Health Promotion and Wellness

Cornwell, Madison Alittia; Carthage; Psychology

Deems, Logan Thayer; Pierce City; Psychology

Escobar, Jeannine Ashley; Huntington Beach, CA; Health Promotion  
and Wellness

Ewing, Gannon Thomas; Carl Junction; Psychology

Graves, Rachel R.; Baxter Springs, KS; Psychology

Hatfield, Meghan D.; Seneca; Psychology

Hickey, Megan Elizabeth; Joplin; Psychology

Huron, Brendon Christopher; San Antonio, TX; Psychology

Kennedy, Erin P.; Joplin; Health Promotion and Wellness

Low, Shannon David; Joplin; Psychology

Madewell, Sabrina Michelle; Joplin; Psychology

Marcano, Abigail A.; Monett; Psychology

Parks, Jackson McKinley; Neosho; Psychology

Perez, Salena D.; Joplin; Health Promotion and Wellness

Persson, Joakim E.; Sweden; Health Promotion and Wellness

Rust, Teddy M.; Mount Vernon; Health Promotion and Wellness

Scheerer, Travis W.; Webb City; Psychology

Stauffer, Kate; Joplin; Health Promotion and Wellness

Thurman, Nicole Sky; Joplin; Psychology

Walters, Joseph Alan; Joplin; Health Promotion and Wellness

Wheeler, Lindsay Donivon; Aurora; Psychology

‡ 4.00 Average

† Honors Program Graduate

\* May or July Graduate



# BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

**Abruzzo, James Thomas**; Neosho; Middle School Education - Science

**Adams, Caroline Lanae**; Loma Linda; Middle School Education  
- Science

**Bogue, Jason**; Joplin; K-12 Education - Art

**Buffington, Sydney Renee**; Mount Vernon; K-12 Education - Art

**Chang, Michael Eli**; Exeter; Middle School Education - Math

**Collister, Penny R.**; Webb City; Middle School Education- Math

**Dean, Nicolas Alexander**; Marionville; Middle School Education  
- Math

**Dyer, Breana Ilyn**; Joplin; Middle School Education- Science

**Farley, Ezekiel Stephen**; Carl Junction; K-12 Education  
- Physical Education

**Flack, Hannah Noel**; Joplin; Elementary Education

**Garcia, Flor Teresa**; Rogers, AR; Middle School Education - Science

**Glidewell, Sarah Justine**; Ozark; Elementary Education/English  
Language Learner (K-12)

**Greenstreet, Sarah E.**; Neosho; Secondary Education- Business

**Guzman, Taurean Yasmin ‡**; Spring Hill, KS; Middle School  
Education - Language Arts, Secondary Education- English

**Hart, Destiny Rose**; Willow Springs; Middle School Education  
- Language Arts, Secondary Education- English

**Hulette, Kurtlin J.**; Webb City; Elementary Education

**Johnston, Caleb Michael**; Neosho; Middle School Education  
- Math, Middle School Education- Science

**Jones, Nathan Douglas**; Carl Junction; Secondary Education - English

**Kinder, Joseph A.**; Kansas City; Middle School Education - Math

**McConnell, Kristian Anthony**; Carthage; K-12 Education  
- Physical Education

**McGinnis, Andrea R.**; Joplin; Elementary Education

**Meinershagen, David Warren**; Webb City; Elementary Education/  
English Language Learner (K-12)

**Monzon, Jennifer Sarai**; Carthage; Elementary Education

**Morin, Rebecca Ann**; Granby; Elementary Education

**Odett, Dustin Wayne**; Joplin; Elementary Education

**Parrigon, Elaine Carolene**; Pierce City; K-12 Education - Art

**Pearson-Hargus, Megan Alyssa**; Bentonville, AR; Middle School  
Education - Social Studies

**Putney, Tyler Robert**; Raymore; Secondary Education- Biology

**Reeves, Joseph J.**; Maryland Heights; Secondary Education - Business

**Rice, Brittany L.**; Pierce City; Elementary Education

**Scoggins, Kassandra Kate**; Lowell, AR; Elementary Education  
- Special Education

**Shrum, Jaime Diane**; Washburn; Middle School Education - Math

**Shurley, Jared Michael**; Joplin; Secondary Education- Biology

**Sims, Allie Marie**; Neosho; Elementary Education

**Smith, Olivia Lea Maty**; Sarcoxie; Elementary Education

**Smith, Shelby Amyx**; West Plains; Secondary Education- Biology

**Spencer, Kinzie Mary ‡**; Riverton, KS; Elementary Education

**Stilabower, Mariah Grace**; Lamar; Elementary Education

**Tabor, Tawnee Rae**; Carl Junction; Elementary Education  
- Early Childhood

**Thomas, Brianna Lynn**; Monett; Middle School Education- Science

**Tournear, Cameron Shawn ‡**; Webb City; Elementary Education

**Tuggle, Katherine Danielle**; Webb City; Elementary Education

**Viera, Yessenia Noemi**; Carthage; Elementary Education

**Vinson, Brianna Marae**; Joplin; Elementary Education

**Welch, Carley Danielle**; Webb City; Elementary Education

**White, Kaitlin A.**; Cuba; Secondary Education- Business

**Withers, Matthew Grant**; Carthage; Elementary Education

**Yarber, Jason Wayne**; Milo; Secondary Education- English

**Ybarra, Caitlin Reed**; Diamond; K-12 Education- Instrumental



# BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES

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Barger, Bricynn Analise; Miami, OK; General Studies  
Beachner, Jared Waldon; Webb City; General Studies  
Broccard, Nicole Renee; Claremore, OK; General Studies  
Bruey, Jason Tyler; Joplin; General Studies  
Buckmaster-Clark, Amber N.; Carthage; General Studies  
Burr, Paige Ashton; Loma Linda; General Studies  
Deckard, Wendy Marie; Galena, KS; General Studies  
Ferwalt, Tabitha Ashley; Mount Vernon; General Studies  
Fortner, Tarah J.; Republic; General Studies  
Freis, James R.; Joplin; General Studies  
Hertzberg, Lucas A.; Oronogo; General Studies  
Isenmann, Benjamin David; Jasper; General Studies  
Jones, Amanda Kay; Seneca; General Studies  
Lacayo, Justin A.; Lauderdale Lakes, FL; General Studies  
Lewis, Shawn O.; New Braunfels, TX; General Studies  
McCoy, Shelby Elizabeth; Mountain Grove; General Studies  
Moehr, Dustin Levi; Joplin; General Studies  
Newman, Makiah Marie; Leavenworth, KS; General Studies

Newman, Tierra Shontay; Allen, TX; General Studies  
Oakes, Charity J.; Joplin; General Studies  
Pettibon, Lindy L.; Webb City; General Studies  
Poncé, Rosalee Karene; Neosho; General Studies  
Richardson, Tonya Suzanne; Joplin; General Studies  
Sageser, Charla Lynn; Vinita, OK; General Studies  
Salas, Alejandra; Monett; General Studies  
Sharp, Cody Edward; Miami, OK; General Studies  
Shelton, Kylie Marie; Joplin; General Studies  
Sperandio, David Lawrence; Jefferson City; General Studies  
Sumler, Rebecca Leigh Ann; Anderson; General Studies  
Torres, Cynthia; Mexico; General Studies  
Walrath, Jacquelyn M.; Mount Vernon; General Studies  
Wilkes-Sharpley, D'Angelo; Toledo, OH; General Studies  
Woods, Adam Josiah; North Port, FL; General Studies  
Worthey, Ashleigh Lorraine; Prairie Grove, AR; General Studies  
Ybarra, Jalen Ismael; Webb City; General Studies

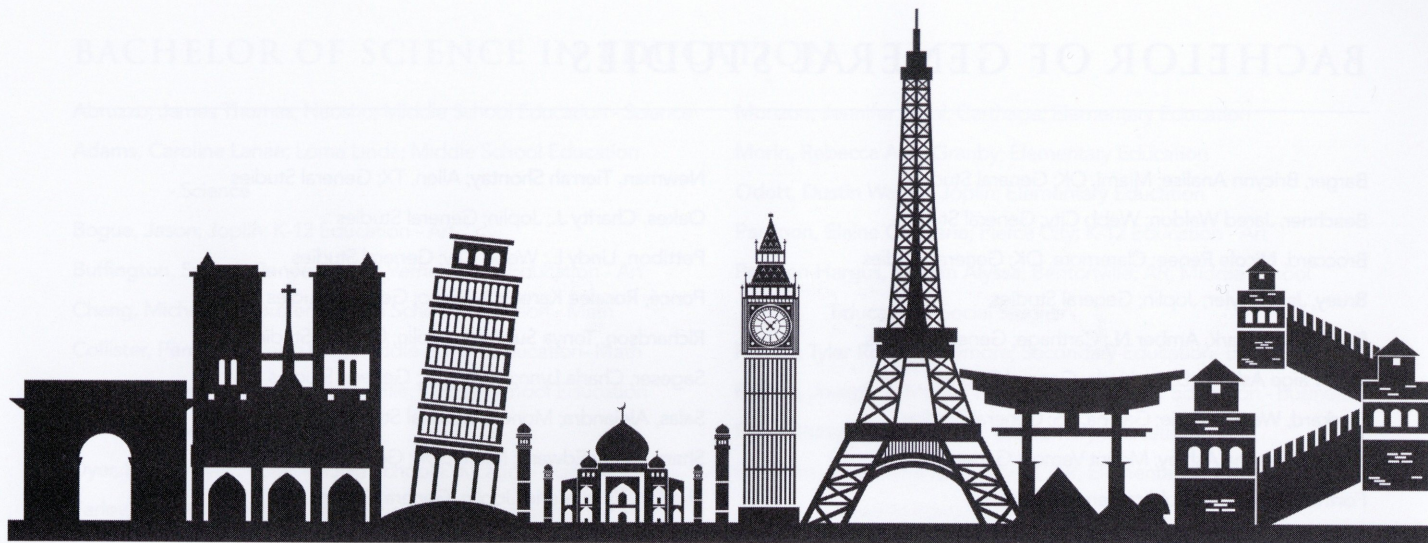


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† Honors Program Graduate

\* May or July Graduate





# GRADUATES WHO HAVE STUDIED *Abroad*

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As provided by the Institute of International Studies.

Students who received MSSU academic credit for studying abroad through an MSSU-sponsored or recognized program are wearing a sash today representing the country or countries where they studied. Since 1995, MSSU has sent more than 3,500 students abroad to reflect its statewide mission in global education.

Aguirre, Aracely | Belize, Spain

Alvarez, Marilyn | Denmark, Ireland, Norway, Sweden

Blankenship, Kenzie | Germany

Blodgett, Whitney | United Kingdom

Bogue, Jason | Sweden

Bottom, Emily | Austria

Burbridge, Riley | Belize

Cantrell, Conner | Germany

Crosby, Michelle | Ireland

Curtis, Lexa | Chile, Spain

Duncan, Miranda | Estonia, Finland, Sweden

Evans, Elliott | Germany

Gries, Katjana | Germany

Hickey, Megan | South Korea

Humphrey, Hailey | Germany

Ikerd, Karin | Belize

Johnson, Christopher | United Kingdom

Jones, Elijah | Mexico

Lundstrum, Sarah | Belgium, United Kingdom

Moore, Paul | Japan

Paine, Kathryn | Belize

Palet, Brittney | Belize

Rea, Carla | South Korea, Sweden

Rho, Joseph | Czech Republic, Germany

Richardson, Tonya | Estonia, Finland, Sweden, United Kingdom

Shinn, Samantha | Belize

Smith, Annie | Germany

Tidball, Eliza | Czech Republic, Germany

Vest, Megan | Canada

Walls, Desire | Canada

Wang, Peidi | Czech Republic, Germany

Williams, Stephanie | Belize

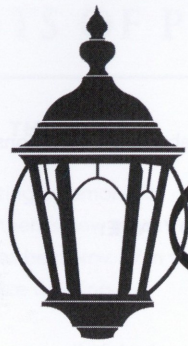
Wilson, Natalie | Germany

Ybarra, Caitlin | Czech Republic, France, Germany, Italy

Ybarra, Jalen | Czech Republic, France, Germany, Italy

Yust, Hampton | Denmark, Norway, Spain, Sweden

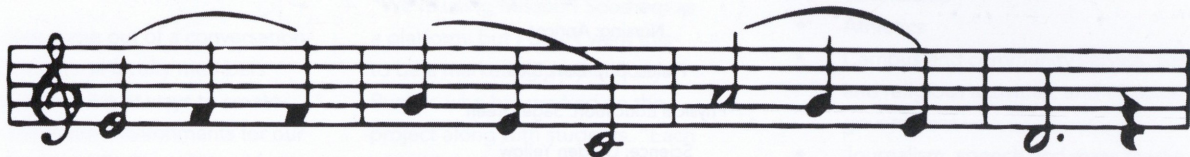




# Alma Mater

Words by Mary Laird,  
Class of '39

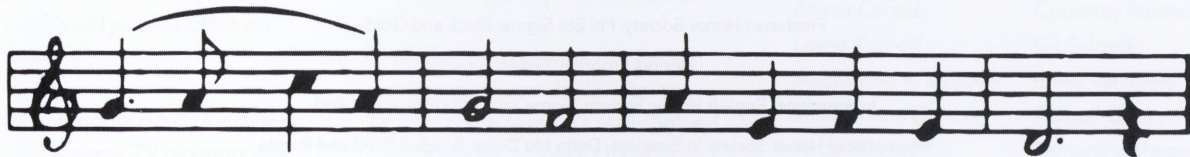
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Class of '39



Our Al - ma Ma - ter, we ho - nor thee,



shap - ing and guid - ing our de - sti - ny.



Af - ter we have part - ed as the years roll by;



we'll keep each me - mo - ry hail, hail to thee.



# ACADEMIC ATTIRE & REGALIA CORDS

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The hoods represented in MSSU ceremonies are a combination of colors from each of the collaborating institutions.

## TRADITIONAL COLORS AND CORRESPONDING FIELDS OF STUDY ARE:

Accountancy, Business, Commerce: Drab

Arts, Humanities, Letters: White

Education: Light Blue

Fine Arts: Brown

Journalism: Crimson

Law: Purple

Library Science: Lemon Yellow

Music: Pink

Nursing: Apricot

Philosophy: Dark Blue

Physical Education: Sage Green

Science: Golden Yellow

Theology: Scarlet

## REGALIA CORDS

Alpha Chi: Gold

Athletics: Green and Gold

Caduceus Society: Braided Gold and Royal Blue

Criminal Justice Honor Society, Alpha Phi Sigma: Royal Blue and Gold

Dental Hygiene Honor Society, Sigma Phi Alpha: Purple and Gold

Education Honor Society, Kappa Delta Pi: Purple and Green

Freshman Honor Society, Phi Eta Sigma: Black and Gold

Honors Program: Green

International English Honor Society, Sigma Tau Delta: Black and Red

International Honor Society in Business, Delta Mu Delta: Braided Gold and Purple

International Honor Society in Economics, Omicron Delta Epsilon: Braided Gold and Blue

International Honor Society in Psychology, Psi Chi: Braided Platinum and Dark Blue

Latin Honors: Double Braided Bright Gold, White, and Green

National History Honor Society, Phi Alpha Theta: Blood Red and Sky Blue

National Leadership Honor Society, Omicron Delta Kappa: Braided Blue, Black and White

National Physics Honor Society, Sigma Pi Sigma: Dark Green and White

Nursing Honor Society: Apricot

Respiratory Therapy Honor Society, Lambda Beta: Navy Blue and Green

Social Work Honor Society, Phi Alpha: Blue and Gold

Theatre Honor Society, Alpha Psi Omega: Antique Gold and Light Blue

Veteran: Red, White, and Blue

Women in Science: Orchid Pink



# POINTS OF PRIDE

## ORDER IN THE COURT

A ribbon-cutting ceremony for Missouri Southern's new mock courtroom was held Nov. 19 in the Criminal Justice Building.

The courtroom has all of the features one would expect to find in a judicial setting. There is a judge's bench, witness and jury boxes, tables for the prosecution and defense, and a gallery for visitors to watch the proceedings.

"The idea came out of a conversation between several faculty members who were looking at ways to create more immersive environments for our students," said Dr. Tim Wilson, chair of the Criminal Justice Department. "We decided to try to find space in Criminal Justice to make a courtroom that could be used by multiple disciplines.

"We were able to secure some funding for the project and worked on it over the summer. We wanted to make it as close to an actual courtroom as possible, and repurposed some of the furniture from Joplin's old juvenile office on Pearl Ave."

The new courtroom is fully functional, with video screens, TV monitors and audio capability.

"It has everything you'd expect for any courtroom setting, whether it be a criminal or civil case," he said.

Wilson anticipates that the courtroom will be utilized by a variety of students from across campus.



## NEW DOWNTOWN MURAL TAKING SHAPE

Downtown Joplin is getting another splash of color thanks to a new four-panel mural under the Sixth Street viaduct.

Spearheaded by associate professor Burt Bucher in conjunction with the Downtown Joplin Alliance, the murals showcase three different lions as well as a familiar-looking lantern.

"We're using Missouri Southern as a platform, but I didn't want this to be a marketing project," says Bucher, who has worked on the project along with students. "Each lion will represent a famous alumni or member of the community.

"But this isn't about painting a pretty picture. It's about cleaning up the space. The lantern isn't just an academic symbol, but it's about bringing light into the darkness – an illuminated, clean space."

Lauren Weiss, a junior art major, says she's excited to see the project join the ranks of the city's other murals.

"I was happy to see the murals coming up all over Joplin after the tornado," she says. "It's really helped a lot of places. It doesn't have to be solely related to Missouri Southern. The lions can also mean having pride in your town."



## STUDENTS, FACULTY INDUCTED INTO NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Thirty-nine students and two faculty members were inducted into the Golden Crest Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa during an initiation ceremony held Nov. 3.

Founded in 1914, membership into the national leadership honor society is based on exemplary service, leadership, scholarship and character. It recognizes achievements in the following five areas:

- Scholarship
- Athletics
- Campus and community service; social and religious activities; and campus government
- Journalism, speech and mass media
- Creative and performing arts

**Faculty/staff initiates were** Dr. Debra A. Fort, director of Project Stay; and Dr. Julie A. Wengert, associate vice president of Student Affairs.

### Student initiates were:

Alice Pedraza	Jonathan Johnson
Carina Calderon	Sherin Lancy
Sarah Schultz	Ayden Moran
Alyssa Canady	Courtney Rasmussen
Layne Karhoff	Gil Salgado
MacKenzie R. Strycker	Emily Versteeg
Jewell Anna Dehon	Abigail Cook
Alicia Pickett	Samantha Hargis
Megan Carney	Hanna Jenay Schmit
Sydney Dose	Jordan N. Gibson
Kelsey Martin	Brandon C. O'Connell
Autumn J. Miller	Kaylea C. Furgerson
Jillian Hackney	Alex Carr
Emilee Jo Baker	Ethan Matthew
Joseph Mitchell	Adams
Annie Nicolle	Meredith Jean
Strickling	Belrose
Ashley Ann Bluemel	Janae Robinson
Brandon J. Claussen	Peyton Rogers
Kennedee French	Cameron Bednar
Brandy Jackson	Alyssa Diaz





SEVENTY-THIRD  
COMMENCEMENT

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